

ALL-SIS STRATEGIC PLAN 2013-2016

PREAMBLE

Recognizing that the American Association of Law Libraries and other Special Interest Sections address many issues and functional responsibilities of academic law librarians, and the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section has limited resources, the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section will focus primarily on goals that are of high priority to its members and that are not presently addressed by other groups. The Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section will, however, work to partner with other Special Interest Sections and the American Association of Law Libraries to assure that the needs of all academic law librarians are being met.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section provides leadership in identifying the needs and concerns of academic law librarians and developing appropriate programs and services to address them; and represents the interests of academic law librarians within law schools, universities, and to other groups.

Strategic Direction I: Advocacy

Goal: ALL-SIS and its members will seek to influence legal and government information policies, institutional policies, ABA standards, and vendor practices, relevant to academic law libraries and academic law librarianship.

Objectives:

- Investigate issues regarding open access;
- Participate in the development of stable scholarly citation formats;
- In collaboration with AALL, define and promote core competencies for academic law librarianship that demonstrate the value of academic law librarians.
- Provide resources for members to advocate for appropriate compensation and professional status.

- Work through AALL to lobby accrediting agencies for consistent and meaningful library standards, and necessary changes, that take into account format, access, and retention issues; collection policies and practices; and user needs and preferences.

Strategic Direction II: Professional Development

Goal: ALL-SIS will provide academic law librarians with opportunities to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge to excel in all professional responsibilities relevant to academic law librarianship in order to best serve the needs of their patrons and stakeholders.

Objectives:

- Provide training and resources to help academic law librarians attain core competencies for academic law librarianship.
- Provide ongoing training and resources to help academic law librarians influence decision-making within their institutions.
- Provide ongoing training and resources for academic law librarians to advocate for the appropriate role of law librarians in the law school curriculum.
- Provide ongoing training and resources for academic law librarians to promote library services and activities to users based on assessments of user perspectives, needs and preferences
- Provide scholarships to participate in professional development activities.
- Work with other relevant Special Interest Sections to ensure ongoing training and resources address the needs of all member librarians, including those responsible for non-reference/non-research tasks in academic law libraries.

Strategic Direction III: Community and Collaboration

Goal: ALL-SIS will provide the impetus and direction to work collaboratively, within AALL and with other relevant associations, to meet the needs of all law librarians in support of academic law libraries and sustain the viability of ALL-SIS as the primary source of support and information for academic law librarians.

Objectives:

- Conduct needs assessment of all academic law library members of AALL.
- Promote academic law librarianship to law and library schools and undergraduate career centers.
- Promote ALL-SIS to new AALL members and AALL academic librarian members who are not members of ALL-SIS.
- Provide leadership for the development and use of consortia and cooperative ventures among libraries and library associations in order to enhance academic law libraries' effectiveness in serving their institutions and communities.
- Promote diversity in academic law librarianship through grants, scholarships, retention programs, mentoring, and other initiatives.
- Create relationships with other relevant AALL entities to best meet needs of members.